Historical Society
Plans D.C. Trip
by Clare McCulla

On February 27, the Marshall-Wythe Student Chapter of the Supreme Court Historical Society will travel to the United States Supreme Court. Over 150 law students and a number of undergraduates have expressed an interest in the trip. Regrettably, however, only 47 bus seats are available.

This year's trip will begin early when the bus departs from the Carey Field parking lot at 7:30 a.m. A comprehensive tour of the Court begins upon arrival back in the Colonial Courthouse. The entire area was filled with mud and forgotten. Only in recent years was it discovered that the city of Bath rested right on top of all the rules.

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They have done a lot of excavation and restoration and slowly pieced together the history of the place. But, there is still a lot covered by hundreds of years of mud and later construction.

We then wandered through the streets and found a little basement restaurant for lunch. From there we worked our way up the hills to the "Circus." It's circular apartment complex built in the 1700's. Very impressive and distinctive.

Then we walked through several streets and ended up in Victoria Park. They were having a lawn bowling tournament, so we sat among the natives and tried to learn the game. Most of the teams are casual and take the games casually.

One old fellow who was in his 80's and looked as if he didn't have the strength to walk was the best of the bunch! He knew just how to roll the ball so that it would curve and wipe out his opponent's ball.

Later, we went through the Carriage Museum, Octagon (continued on page 4)

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Jeff Schreiber, President of the Supreme Court Historical Society

State Court Center Presents Conference
by George Neuberger

Beginning Sunday, March 19, the Williamsburg Conference Center will be the scene for a conference on the theme, "State Courts: A Blueprint for the Future." Dubbed "Williamsburg II," this conference will address the complex built in the 1700's. It's circular apartment complex built in the 1700's. Very impressive and distinctive.

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EDITORIAL

The Editorial Board feels obliged to address two subjects which have not received sufficient attention from the law school. The first of these is the upcoming S.B.A. elections. As can be noted by the sparse number of platforms printed in this issue, there are not many candidates for S.B.A. offices as yet. With the elections less than a month away, there is only one office that is being contested, and several representative positions for which there are not even any candidates.

All of which is a very great pity. The S.B.A. organization at this school is an excellent one which performs a variety of useful activities. The present S.B.A. board, for example, has, in addition to running Law Day and a host of social and educational activities, endeavored to represent the students' positions and desires to the administration with honesty, and vigor, and sometimes success.

The qualifications for being on the S.B.A. are not particularly high: diligence, openness-mindedness, persistence, and occasionally a little imagination are all that are necessary. We feel quite sure that all of the candidates currently announced are fit for the positions; we are equally sure that many students who have not entered because of a fear of ridicule or defeat are equally qualified.

There's more time to run for S.B.A. office. But more importantly, we urge the student body to abandon their attitude of distaste towards those who do participate. It is important that this organization be populated with people competent and energetic enough to run it well; plenty such candidates exist, and with a little encouragement they might appear.

Secondly, the Editors would like to comment on a recent decision of the faculty to commence two semesters of required Constitutional Law in addition to the required semester of Admin. Law.

We are not opposed to required courses per se; many excellent law schools have far more required hours than M-W. Nor are we opposed to more Con. Law, an excellent and important course we feel deserves more attention. We do, however, feel that the continuation of Admin. Law is quite simply a waste of time.

The only rationale we can think of for requiring the course is that it is a concession in this academic community to the "real world" of the practicing lawyer. If this is indeed the faculty's theory, then the Editors feel compelled to indulge in the impropriety of pointing out that, with few exceptions, the faculty itself is not by any standards prepared to meet the "real world" of practicing law than students are. Certainly none of the summer experience shared by the Editors and our friends included any Admin. Law.

The Editors (any of the 4-point courses for example) that could be required with great profit to the student. Why Admin Law?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

To the Editors:

Are there any libraries where people aren't allowed to eat, drink, or eat? It seems that none of these activities can be carried on without risk to the books.

Further, there can be no doubt that non-smokers would be disturbed by smoking in the library.

Thank you, librarians.

Dorry Martin

Editor's response: Yes. Butler Library of Columbia University (and Yale, alma mater, though admittedly not in the same class as Marshall-Wythe's) allows smoking, eating and drinking (non-alcohol) within its confines. There are several clearly defined smoking sections, eating is permitted in the two lounges and the main area, and is permitted everywhere except Rare Books and Manuscripts and Maps. The Editor, a confirmed non-smoker, was never troubled by smokers.

It may be added in passing that the Columbia Law Library operates under the same policy.

To the Editors:

This just hit me the other day, and in case you haven't yet acquired the necessary composure to notice it, there is still time. It is that the Columbia Law Library - the stuff of which dreams are made - is a tiny, unprepared for classes the next day.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Freeman
First Year
SBA Candidates Announce Platforms

I am running for SBA President because I believe that I have the skills and energy necessary to do the best possible job for the student body. Rather than making promises which in many campaigns, ultimately remain unfulfilled, I promise only dedication and hard work as President of the SBA. There are, however, a number of areas which I believe can be improved by SBA attention and emphasis:

1. Increased cooperation and communication between the student body and the administration which I believe can be best achieved by student representation at faculty meetings.
2. Improved Placement

The significance of this public politicking brings to mind a certain quote you might be familiar with.

"If it's near dinnertime, the patron takes out his watch when the jury have retired and says: 'Dear me, gentlemen, ten minutes to five, I declare! I dine at five, gentlemen.' So do I, says everybody else except two men who ought to have dined at three, and seem more than half disposed to stand out in consequence. The head round and puts up his watch: Well, gentlemen, what do we say? Plaintiff, defendant, gentlemen? I rather think so as far as I am concerned, gentlemen.—I say I rather think so—but don't let that influence you—I rather think

Christie May

After watching the SBA function during my first year here at Marshall-Wythe I have decided that I would like to serve on this body. I am running for the office of Secretary because I feel this is where I may best put my skills and knowledge to work for the mutual benefit of you, the students, and of myself.

I lent my services to the presentation of last year's program, such projects as the Student Directory and class pictures and enjoy working with people I never would have had the chance to know otherwise. The SBA is a necessary part of this law school, as any student government is essential to the continuation of any academic community, and I would be honored and more than happy to serve on the Board during the 1978-79 school year. I look forward to the opportunity to work and meet more of my classmates during that time.

Lee Osborne

Mr. Osborne, whose platform will appear in the next issue of the Amicus, is a candidate for Director of Alumni Relations. In partial response to an Amicus interview, he asserted that "Students at Marshall-Wythe should maintain communications with Alumni and encourage them in their efforts on our behalf and to justify their judgments in our favor."

Amicus Curiae Quote of the Fortnight: "Next time I'll bring my own eye liner brush." —Andrew Thurman, recently elected Magister of The Jefferson Inn of Phi Delta Phi, upon discovering that the other girls' brushes would not suit his purpose. The Amicus hereby promises its readers updates on this story.

From Our Winelists...

One of the biggest and fullest of all Bordeaux wines, the Cabernet Sauvignon grape, is the basis of this wine and allows it to excel in poor vintages, when most other varieties produce substandard wines or do not bottle under their own labels. Sommeliers explain the predominance of the Cabernet Sauvignon causes Mouton to be mentioned along with the other great Bordeaux reds which are blended with less Cabernet. This blend is in individual taste and depends on whether one prefers more robust wines as opposed to softer, more elegant ones.

In addition to Mouton Rothschild, Baron Philippe produces several lesser wines which are quite good including Chateau Mouton-Baron Philippe and Clerc-Milon, both fifth growths, and Mouton-Cadet, a blend wine. Mouton-Cadet is a red, white and rose wine and is the largest selling French wine in the United States. While well made, the rest of heavy advertising is reflected in its price, which means better wines from the lesser known chateaux can usually be found for less money.

Supreme Court, Trip, Conf'd

(continued from page 2) serve as a national informational clearing house that coordinates student involvement in the SCJS. Schreiber added that "the national Supreme Court trip in the SCJS is exciting and indicates a great potential for increasing student involvement in the SCJS. Our law school will, of course, continue to participate in that organization."

In addition to the Supreme Court trip, the Marshall-Wythe Law School has several Correspondent Fred Graham speak at the Law School later this spring. He is a Chief Judge Edward D. Re, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, a former law judge in Paris, and a former President of the American Bar Association. He will speak on "The Role of the Lawyer in the Judicial Process." The Chapter would like to extend its thanks to the Supreme Court Day at Lafayette High School.
Cottage Pie, Cont'd

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Finally got to the dinner, or should I say I went to a bench to eat lunch. The chicken was just coming up the road to open the ticket office. We proceeded on foot across town to another one. After several misdirections, we finally made it. The place was a lot better than expected. The ride back was exceptionally long because the scenery was captivating. The road from Exeter was very similar to that of Virginia Beach. Walked back through the shopping area and got to the bus stop just in time to haggle a one-way ticket for the class book. A little later we decided we had had enough for one vehicle plus the driver. That doesn't sound too good, but the driver was a real character. He said they were having a private party. We proceeded on foot across town to another one. After several misdirections, we finally made it. The place was a lot better than expected. We called some taxis to take us downtown. Before the taxis got there, our group had grown to the point that we had to jockey for position. I ended up in one of five other people plus the driver. That doesn't sound too good, but the Little Theatre taxis are about the size of a V.W. It was against the law to carry over four passengers at a time, so the driver made us promise to pay the fine if he got caught.

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